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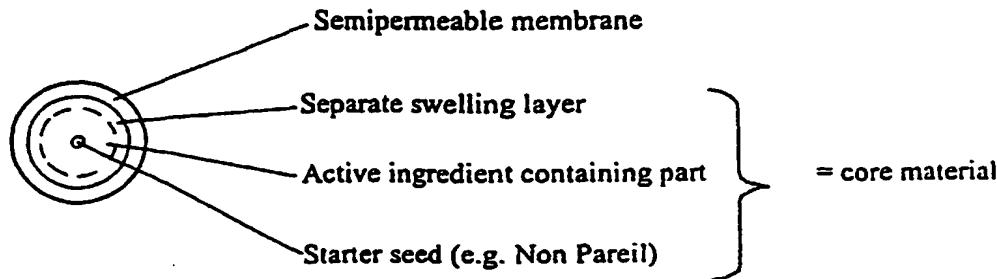
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(57) Abstract: An oral dosage form comprising a core material coated with a semipermeable membrane wherein the core material comprises an active ingredient selected from the group of omeprazole, an alkaline salt thereof, S-omeprazole and an alkaline salt thereof, in admixture with one or more alkaline additives, one or more swelling agents, and optionally pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, and the dosage form is not enteric coated.

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Field of the invention

5 The present invention relates to new oral pharmaceutical dosage forms comprising as active ingredient omeprazole, an alkaline salt of omeprazole, S-omeprazole or an alkaline salt of S-omeprazole. The dosage form comprises a core material of the active ingredient, one or more alkaline additives, and one or more swelling agents, wherein the core material is covered with a semipermeable membrane and without an enteric coating. Furthermore,
10 the invention refers to the manufacture of such dosage forms and their use in medicine.

Background of the invention and prior art.

15 The acid labile H⁺, K⁺-ATPase inhibitor known under the generic name omeprazole is disclosed in EP-0005129. Certain salts of omeprazole are described in EP-124495, a magnesium salt of omeprazole is described in WO 95/01977, and the single enantiomers of omeprazole and certain salts thereof are described in WO 94/27988.

20 Omeprazole is useful for inhibiting gastric acid secretion in mammals including man by controlling gastric acid secretion at the final step of the acid secretory pathway and thus reduce basal and stimulated gastric acid secretion irrespective of stimulus. In a more general sense, omeprazole may be used for prevention and treatment of gastric-acid related diseases in mammals and man, including e.g. reflux oesophagitis, gastritis, duodenitis, gastric ulcer, duodenal ulcer and Zollinger-Ellison syndrome. Furthermore, it may be used
25 for treatment of other gastrointestinal disorders where gastric acid inhibitory effect is desirable e.g. in patients on NSAID therapy, in patients with Non Ulcer Dyspepsia, and in patients with symptomatic gastro-oesophageal reflux disease (GORD). Omeprazole may also be used in patients in intensive care situations, in patients with acute upper gastrointestinal bleeding, pre-and post-operatively to prevent aspiration of gastric acid and
30 to prevent and treat stress ulceration. Further, it may be useful in the treatment of psoriasis

as well as in the treatment of *Helicobacter* infections and diseases related to these where therapeutic control of gastric acid secretion is fundamental in the treatment.

5 Omeprazole is, however, susceptible to degradation or transformation in acidic and neutral media. The stability of omeprazole is also affected by moisture, heat, organic solvents and to some degree by light. With respect to the stability properties of omeprazole, it is established that an oral solid dosage form must be protected from contact with the acidic gastric juice and that omeprazole must be transferred in intact form to that part of the gastrointestinal tract where pH is near neutral and where rapid absorption can occur.

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A pharmaceutical dosage form of omeprazole is best protected from contact with acidic gastric juice by an enteric coating layer. For instance, US 4,786,505 describes such enteric coated formulations. These formulations have a core comprising an alkaline salt of the drug or a core comprising the drug together with an alkaline reacting compound, the core is 15 coated with a water soluble or in water rapidly disintegrating separating layer and further with an enteric coating layer. There are numerous published patent applications from different companies describing enteric coated formulations comprising omeprazole or other proton pump inhibitor compounds.

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WO 96/01623 describes tableted dosage forms of omeprazole, wherein enteric coating layered pellets are compressed into a multiple unit tableted dosage form. It is essential in these tableted formulations that the enteric coating layer can withstand the compression forces.

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There are different technologies and pharmaceutical formulations described in the prior art which provide a delayed release of an administered drug. Such formulations are for instance based on osmotic differences, slow-eroding/dissolving layers, diffusion through a membrane, time controlled explosion systems or any combinations thereof. In the following some of these principles are exemplified. For instance, US 4 871 549 describes a 30 time controlled explosion system. Conte et al (Drug Development and Industrial

Pharmacy, 1989, vol. 15, pp. 2583 –96) describes a three-layer tablet giving a double pulsed system suitable for ibuprofen. US 5 567 441 describes a dosage form for diltiazem comprising a mixture of one fraction of slow release pellets and another fraction of delayed pulse release membrane coated pellets. WO97/02020 describes a dosage form of pantoprazole in combination with antibacterial substances wherein one part of the pantoprazole dose is in slow release form with a continuously release during time. US 5 178 867 describes a dosage form with an exit port or hole that connects the interior of the dosage form with the exterior.

10 Summary of the invention

The present invention provides - in contrast to earlier presented oral dosage forms for proton pump inhibitor compounds - a dosage form without an enteric coating layer.

- 15 The dosage form according to the present invention comprises a core material coated with a semipermeable membrane. The core material contains an active ingredient selected from omeprazole, an alkaline salt thereof, S-omeprazole or an alkaline salt thereof, one or more alkaline additives, and one or more swelling agents. The semipermeable membrane is able to disrupt or may change its permeability after a pre-determinated time. One or more
20 swelling agents are placed in the core material to effectuate a disruption or an increased permeability of the semipermeable membrane after such a suitable time. Optionally pharmaceutically acceptable excipients such as an osmotic agent may also be included in the core material.
- 25 Surprisingly, the formulation according to the present invention is prepared without an enteric coating, which previously have been almost an axiom for dosage forms containing omeprazole or any other proton pump inhibitor compounds. The present invention also provides the possibility to avoid the separating layer needed under an enteric coating layer to separate omeprazole from the enteric coating polymer. Omeprazole should preferably
30 not be in contact with the enteric coating due to discoloration and degradation of

omeprazole. Thus, the present invention provides a simplified process than previous manufacture processes requesting double coating layers on the core material. See for instance, EP 247 983.

- 5 According to a further aspect of the present invention, the dosage form may preferably be in the form of a multiple unit pellet system. The prepared core material, in the form of small pellets coated with a semipermeable membrane and without an enteric coating may be filled into a capsule or compressed into a multiple unit tablet.
- 10 The core material comprises an alkalizing agent, that is sufficiently alkaline and is present in a sufficiently high amount. The core material also comprises a swelling agent that upon contact with moisture starts to swell. When the coated pellets pass the stomach small amounts of gastric fluid will be absorbed through the semipermeable membrane. The alkalizing agent in the core material will neutralize the absorbed acidic fluid and protect
- 15 the active ingredient against degradation. At the same time the swelling agent, will be exposed to the penetrating fluid or moisture, and it will start to expand. After a pre-determined time interval this expansion leads to disruption of the superimposed semipermeable membrane by the built-up pressure or to a swelling that will increase the permeability of the membrane. The time interval is to be determined so that the pellets
- 20 have had time to pass the stomach at that very moment, and have reached the small intestines. The entire dose of the active ingredient will then start to be released into the small intestine where absorption can occur.

Detailed description of the drawings

- 25 Figures 1 – 4 illustrate principles for construction of dosage forms according to the present invention. The invention comprises a core material layered with a semipermeable membrane. The core material can be prepared according to at least four different principles as shown in the Figures. The drawings are not intended to illustrate the size or relative sizes of the dosage form or its different parts.

Detailed description of the invention

The present invention provides a core material in the form of pellets or small tablets coated with a semipermeable membrane. The composition of the core material protect the active ingredient against the gastric fluid, that permeates through the semi permeable coating during the pellet's passage through the stomach. Such pellet formulations are generally emptied from the stomach within 2-4 hours. When the pellets have left the stomach, the semipermeable membrane covering the individual pellets disrupts and/or starts to release the active ingredient in the small intestine.

The pellets coated with the semipermeable membrane may be filled into capsules prepared from gelatine or hydroxypropyl methylcellulose (HPMC), be filled into sachets or be mixed with tablet excipients and compressed to a fast disintegrating tablet or to an effervescent tablet.

Core material

The core material may be produced with starter seeds, for instance sugar spheres like Non-pareilsTM, by layering the active ingredient on the seeds by conventional technique or by the use of a centrifugal granulator/ roto granulator. Alternatively, the core material has a homogenous distribution of the active agent and excipients, and is prepared e.g. by extrusion and spheronization, or by compression. Other conventional techniques known in the art are also suitable in preparing the core material.

The core material is in the form of pellets, spheroids or small tablets. The size of the formulated core materials is approximately between 0.1 and 4 mm, and preferably the core material has a diameter of 0.2 to 2.5 mm.

The core material comprises the active ingredient, an alkalizing agent, a swelling agent and optionally binders, osmotic agents and other pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

The active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of omeprazole, an alkaline salt thereof, S-omeprazole or an alkaline salt thereof. Suitable alkaline salts are for instance the Mg^{2+} , Ca^{2+} , Na^+ , K^+ salts, preferably the Mg^{2+} salts in a highly crystalline form. A preferred magnesium salt of omeprazole having a crystallinity of more than 70% determined by X-ray powder diffraction is described in WO95/01977, hereby incorporated by references.

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Before the seeds are layered, the active ingredient may be mixed with further components to obtain preferred handling and processing properties and a suitable concentration of the active ingredient in the final mixture.

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Such further components can be binders, surfactants, fillers or other pharmaceutically acceptable ingredients, alone or in mixtures. The binders are for example cellulose derivatives such as hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, methylcellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose and carboxymethyl-cellulose sodium, and others such as polyvinyl pyrrolidone, gelatine, sugars, starches or other pharmaceutically acceptable substances with cohesive properties. Suitable surfactants are found in the groups of pharmaceutically acceptable non-ionic surfactants, such as polysorbate 80, or ionic surfactants such as for instance sodium lauryl sulphate.

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An alkalizing agent is incorporated in the core material together with the active ingredient and/or the swelling agent, preferably together with the active ingredient. The alkalizing agent is present in an amount of approximately 5 to 35 % w/w in the core material, preferably 10 to 35 % w/w, or most preferably 15 to 35 % by weight calculated on the weight of the core material excluding the weight of the optional starter seed.

The alkalizing agent is selected from compounds like disodium hydrogen phosphate, trisodium phosphate, arginine or talc etc, provided that they give a pH of not less than 8.5 when measured in a 2% w/w water solution/dispersion with a pH-measuring electrode. At least one alkalizing agent has to be incorporated in the core material, but also any combinations of alkalizing agents can be used.

The swelling agent is selected among pharmaceutically acceptable disintegrants, preferably among crosslinked polyvinyl pyrrolidone, crosslinked sodium carboxymethylcellulose, sodium starch glycolate or low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose (L-HPC), alone or in any combinations. The amount of swelling agent is pre-determined to effectuate the start of dissolution of the core material at a proper time. Preferably, the core material comprises approximately 20 to 60 % by weight of the swelling agent calculated on the weight of the core material excluding any optional starting seed. More preferably a concentration of 25 to 55 % by weight, or especially 30 to 50 % by weight of the swelling agent calculated in the same manner.

Alternatively, the swelling agent or a portion of the swelling agent may optionally be prepared and incorporated in a separate layer. Such a separate layer will cover the core material and also comprise binders and optionally an alkalizing agent and/or pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

Optionally, an osmotic agent is incorporated in the core material. Such an osmotic agent is watersoluble and will provide an osmotic pressure in the tablet. Examples of osmotic agents are magnesium sulphate, sodium chloride, lithium chloride, potassium chloride, potassium sulphate, sodium carbonate, lithium sulphate, calcium bicarbonate, sodium sulphate, calcium lactate, urea, magnesium succinate, sucrose or mixtures thereof.

Alternatively, the active ingredient, optionally mixed with any of the components defined above, can be formulated into a core material. Said core material may be produced by extrusion/spheronization, balling or compression utilizing different process equipments.

For extrusion/spheronization processes incorporation of a microcrystalline cellulose and a low-substituted hydroxypropylcellulose in the core material is preferred.

Semipermeable membrane.

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The membrane comprises a water insoluble polymer and a modifying additive and optionally pharmaceutically acceptable excipients like fillers, colorants etc. The excipients should be insoluble or hardly soluble in acidic solutions, or present in such amounts that they do not influence the solubility properties of the membrane.

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Preferably, water insoluble polymer may be selected among semipermeable water insoluble polymers like ethylcellulose, cellulose acetate, polyvinyl acetate, and ammonio methacrylate copolymer type A and type B (Eudragit RL, Eudragit RS) etc.

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The modifying agent in the semipermeable membrane may be a talc or fumed silica (e.g. Aerosil or Cab-O-Sil.). Preferably an alkaline reacting modifying agent such as talc is used.

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Preferred composition of the semipermeable membrane comprises an amount of modifying agent to water insoluble polymer on a weight to weight ratio of from 90:10 up to 50:50. Preferably the amount of modifying agent to water insoluble polymer on a weight to weight ratio is from 80:20 up to 60:40 in the membrane.

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The core material will be layered with a sufficient amount of the semipermeable membrane composition to cover the core material. Preferably, the amount of semipermeable membrane applied is approximately 3-30% by weight of the weight of the core material. The amount of semipermeable membrane for a desired dosage form is adjusted to obtain a desired lagtime and an adequate dissolution.

Final dosage form

The prepared core material coated with the semipermeable membrane is filled into a capsule (gelatine or HPMC capsule), or optionally mixed with tablet excipients and compressed into a multiple unit tableted dosage form. In the expression "tablet excipients" is also effervescent tablet excipients included when referring to multiple unit tablets.

Prepared tablets are optionally covered with filmforming agent(s) to obtain a smooth surface of the tablet and/or to further enhance the stability of the tablet during packaging and transport. Such a tablet coating layer may further comprise additives like anti-tacking agents, colorants and pigments or other additives to obtain a tablet of good appearance.

The claimed dosage forms are suitable for oral administration. The dose will depend on the nature and severity of the disease to be treated. The dose may also vary according to the age, body weight, and response of the individual patient. Children and patients with liver diseases as well as patients under long term treatment will generally benefit from doses that are somewhat lower than the average. In the treatment of severe conditions higher doses than average may be used.

Preferably, a dosage form comprising for instance 1 - 100 mg of omeprazole or S-omeprazole will be administered once a day. Suitable doses comprise preferably 10 - 80 mg. The dosage form may be administered together with other suitable drugs, such as antibacterial compound(s), NSAID(s), motility stimulating agents, and/or antacids.

Examples

The following examples describe the invention more in detail without restricting the scope of the invention.

Example 1

Core materials in the form of pellets made by extrusion and spheronization.

The following compositions were used to prepare core materials;

<u>Compound</u>	Pellets A		Pellets B		Pellets C	
	<u>Amount</u> (g)	<u>% of dry</u> <u>pellets</u>	<u>Amount</u> (g)	<u>% of dry</u> <u>pellets</u>	<u>Amount</u> (g)	<u>% of dry</u> <u>pellets</u>
Omeprazole	40.0		40.0		40.0	
Low-substituted Hydroxypropyl cellulose	82.0	20.6	-	-	84.0	21.0
Polyvinyl pyrrolidone crosslinked micronized	-	-	84.0	21.0	-	-
Microcrystalline cellulose PH 101	58.0		60.2		78.4	
Mannitol powder	136.0		115.0		136.5	
Sodium chloride (<0.20 mm)	60.0		20.0		40.3	
Trisodium phosphate*	20.0	4.8	-	-	-	-
Disodium hydrogen phosphate*	-	-	-	-	20.0	5.0
Arginine	-	-	80.0	20.0	-	-
Sodium lauryl sulphate	2.0		0.8		0.8	
Water purified	170	-	151	-	199	-

Total weight of dry subst. 418 400 400

* In this example the amounts for all phosphates are indicated as free of crystal water.

The powders were mixed and then wetted with the granulating solution. When needed extra water was added afterwards, until total amount added water corresponded to the value given in the table above. The wet mass was subjected for extrusion through a screen having 1.0 mm in diameter apertures. The strings obtained were shaped to pellets in a

spheronizer operated at 350 rpm. The pellets were dried in a fluid bed apparatus with inlet air temperature set to 50 degrees Celsius.

Granulating liquid used for composition A was 2.72 g of the trisodium phosphate and all the sodium lauryl sulphate dissolved in 50 grams of the water.

Granulating liquid used for composition B was 10.0 g of the arginine and all the sodium lauryl sulphate dissolved in 100 grams of the water.

10 Granulating liquid used for composition C was 8.06 g of the disodium hydrogen phosphate and all the sodium lauryl sulphate dissolved in 100 grams of the water.

Remark: Only parts of composition B were possible to get through the extruder, however material for further experimentation was obtained.

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Example 2

Core material in the form of pellets prepared by layering technique.

A drug containing suspension was made according to the composition below;

<u>Compound</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Omeprazole	219 g
HPMC, 6 cps	39.8 g
Disodiumhydrogen phosphate	42.9 g
Polysorbate 80	4.8 g
Purified water	919 g

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First the polysorbate 80 was dissolved in the water. Then the phosphate was dissolved during stirring. Then the HPMC was dissolved whereafter the drug was suspended in the obtained solution. The suspension was sprayed onto 150 g of sugar spheres (Non-pareil) in

a fluidized bed. The weight of the obtained product was 355 g and the omeprazole content was 456 mg/g.

A suspension containing swellable substance was prepared according to the following
5 composition;

	%
Cross-linked polyvinyl pyrrolidone micronized (Kollidon CL-M)	187.8 g 41*
Hydroxypropylcellulose L (HPC-L from Nisso)	46.9 g
Talc	140.8 g
EtOH (99.5%)	1500 g

* % w/w of core material not including starter seed.

HPC-L was dissolved in ethanol during stirring, then the talc and swelling agent Kollidon CL-M was added. The suspension was sprayed onto 130 g of the drug-layered spheres as
10 prepared above in a Wurster equipped fluidized bed until the omeprazole content of the obtained core material was 130 mg/g. The weight of the obtained product was 455 g.

Example 3

Membrane coated pellets.

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The core material from Example 2 was coated in a fluid bed apparatus with an ethyl cellulose solution having talc suspended therein. The composition of the suspension used was:

<u>Substance</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of dry membrane</u>
Ethyl cellulose N-10	13.5 parts	30%
Ethanol (99.5%)	1455 parts	-
Talc	31.5 parts	70%
Total	1500 parts	100%

80 grams of core material from example 2 was coated with this suspension until the omeprazole content was 107 mg/g.

5 *Example 4*

Test of the prepared membrane coated pellets.

The prepared membrane coated core material was tested for gastric acid resistance and dissolution as described below.

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Test for gastric acid resistance

The pellets were tested for gastric acid resistance by immersing them in 0.1 M HCl for 2 hrs and the determining the remaining drug fraction. The fluid phase (the HCl) had an addition of 0.1 g/liter of sodium lauryl sulphate as wetting agent. The remaining drug fraction was 96%.

15 Test for dissolution

Dissolution of active substance was tested accordingly, first pellets were immersed in the test-fluid described above for 2 hrs, then buffer components (phosphate salts) were added to change the pH to 6.8.

20 Samples of the dissolution medium were withdrawn and analyzed with HPLC at the given time intervals. Results;

<u>Time , Hrs</u> (after 2hrs of pre-exposure in acid medium)	% Dissolved
0.5	3
1	18
2	60
3	73

Claims

1. An oral dosage form comprising a core material coated with a semipermeable membrane wherein the core material comprises an active ingredient selected from the group of omeprazole, an alkaline salt thereof, *S*-omeprazole and an alkaline salt thereof, in admixture with one or more alkaline additives, one or more swelling agents, and optionally pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, and the dosage form is not enteric coated

10 2. A dosage form according to claim 1 wherein the semipermeable membrane is able to disrupt.

3. A dosage form according to claim 1 wherein the active ingredient is omeprazole.

15 4. A dosage form according to claim 1 wherein the active ingredient is a magnesium salt of omeprazole having a crystallinity of more than 70% determined by X-ray powder diffraction.

5. A dosage form according to claim 1 wherein the active ingredient is magnesium salt of *S*-omeprazole.

20 6. A dosage form according to claim 1 wherein the core material comprises a sugar sphere layered with a suspension or solution of the active ingredient, one or more alkaline additives, one or more swelling agents and optionally pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

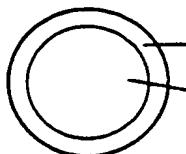
25 7. A dosage form according to claim 1 wherein the dosage form comprises individual pellets of the core material coated with the semipermeable membrane.

30 8. A dosage form according to claim 1 wherein the core material comprises a further component in the form of an osmotic agent.

9. A dosage form according to claim 1 wherein the alkaline additive is an agent selected from the group of compounds that give a pH of not less than 8.5 when measured in a 2% w/w water solution/dispersion with a pH-measuring electrode.
- 5 10. A dosage form according to claim 9 wherein the alkaline additive is an agent selected from the group of disodium hydrogen phosphate, trisodium phosphate, arginine and talc.
- 10 11. A dosage form according to claim 1 wherein the alkaline additive is present in an amount of approximately 5 to 35 % by weight of the core material excluding the weight of an optional sugar sphere.
12. A dosage form according to claim 1 wherein the alkaline additive is present in an amount of 15 to 35 % by weight of the core material excluding the weight of an optional sugar sphere.
- 15 13. A dosage form according to claim 1 wherein the swelling agent is selected from the group of crosslinked polyvinyl pyrrolidone, crosslinked sodium carboxymethylcellulose, sodium starch glycolate and low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose (L-HPC).
- 20 14. A dosage form according to claim 1 wherein the swelling agent is present in an amount of approximately 20 to 60 % by weight of the core material excluding the weight of an optional sugar sphere.
- 25 15. A dosage form according to claim 1 wherein the swelling agent is present in an amount of 30 to 50 % by weight of the core material excluding the weight of an optional sugar sphere.
16. A dosage form according to claim 1 wherein the semipermeable membrane comprises a water insoluble polymer and a modifying agent such as talc or fumed silica.

17. A dosage form according to claim 1 wherein the water insoluble polymer is selected from the group of ethylcellulose, cellulose acetate, polyvinyl acetate, and ammonio methacrylate copolymer type A and type B.
- 5 18. A dosage form according to claim 1 wherein the water insoluble polymer is present in an amount of approximately 3-30% by weight of the core material.
19. A dosage form according to claim 1 wherein the semipermeable membrane comprises a modifying agent and a water insoluble polymer in a ratio of between 90:10 and 50:50.
- 10 20. A process for the manufacture of a dosage form as defined in claim 1, wherein a core material is formed comprises an active ingredient selected from the group of omeprazole, an alkaline salt thereof, S-omeprazole and an alkaline salt thereof, in admixture with one or more alkaline additives, one or more swelling agents, and optionally pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, the core material is coated with a semipermeable membrane and has no enteric coating.
- 15 21. Use of an oral pharmaceutical dosage form as defined in any of claims 1 - 19 in the manufacture of a medicament with improved inhibition of gastric acid secretion.
- 20 22. Use of an oral pharmaceutical dosage form as defined in any of claims 1 - 19 in the manufacture of a medicament with improved therapeutic effect in the treatment of gastrointestinal disorders associated with excess acid secretion.
- 25 23. A method for improving inhibition of gastric acid secretion which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof, an oral pharmaceutical dosage form as defined in any of claims 1 - 19.
- 30 24. A method for improving the therapeutic effect in the treatment of gastrointestinal disorders associated with excess acid secretion which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof, an oral pharmaceutical dosage form as defined in any of claims 1 - 19.

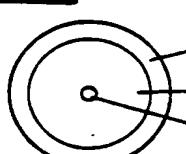
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Fig. 1

Semipermeable membrane

Active ingredient containing part

} = core material

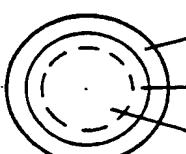
Fig. 2

Semipermeable membrane

Active ingredient containing part

Starter seed (e.g. Non Pareil)

} = core material

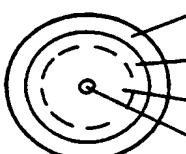
Fig. 3

Semipermeable membrane

Separate swelling layer

Active ingredient containing part

} = core material

Fig. 4

Semipermeable membrane

Separate swelling layer

Active ingredient containing part

Starter seed (e.g. Non Pareil)

} = core material

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference H 2200-1 WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/SE00/01310	International filing date (day/month/year) 20.06.2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 22.06.1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC7 A 61 K 9/36, A 61 P 1/04		
Applicant AstraZeneca AB et al		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 3 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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International application No.

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I. Basis of the report1. With regard to the elements of the international application:^{*} the international application as originally filed the description:

pages 1 - 14 , as originally filed

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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

 the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages _____ the claims, Nos. _____ the drawings, sheet/fig _____5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2 (c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

the entire international application.

claims Nos. 22, 23

because:

the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 22, 23

relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

See PCT Rule 67.1.(iv).: Methods for treatment of the human or animal body by surgery or therapy, as well as diagnostic methods.

the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. _____

are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

the claims, or said claims Nos. _____ are so inadequately supported
by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. _____

2. A meaningful international preliminary examination cannot be carried out due to the failure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing to comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions:

the written form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

the computer readable form has not been furnished or does not comply with the standard.

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>3-5, 7-11, 13-15, 17, 18</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1, 2, 6, 12, 16, 19-21, 24, 25</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>15, 18</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-14, 16, 17, 19-21, 24, 25</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-21, 24, 25</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following document is considered most relevant:

D1 EP-A2-237200

D1 describes an omeprazole composition comprising a core of omeprazole, an alkaline inorganic salt and optionally polyvinyl pyrrolidone or low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose (see page 8 line 8-14). The core may be coated with a layer with either enteric properties or a layer for sustained release, e.g. ethyl cellulose (see page 8 lines 36-41).

Since D1 states that the dosage form may be coated by methods known *per se* for providing it with enteric **or** sustained release properties (page 8 lines 36-37), it is considered obvious to a person skilled in the art that this kind of dosage forms need not be enteric coated.

Claim 1 of the present application differs from D1 in that the coating layer of the dosage form contains a modifying agent and is able to disrupt. The term "modifying agent" is extremely broad and does not specify the effect of the modifying agent, it could even be impurities. That the coating is able to disrupt does not necessarily mean that the coating will disrupt at any given time. In fact, no examples given in the description show that the coating layer actually disrupts. D1 does not mention that the coating should be able to disrupt, but since the core and the coating may be the same as in the present application it is considered highly likely that the coatings will behave in the same way, i.e. that the coating of D1 is also able to disrupt under certain conditions.

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of: V

D1 relates in part to a sustained release dosage form. The gist of the present application is a delayed release dosage form. However, the claims are not drawn to a delayed release dosage form but cover all dosage forms that do not have an enteric coating.

Consequently, the dosage form according to claims 1, 2, 6, 12, 16, 19-21, 24 and 25 lack novelty in view of D1. Claims 3-5, 7-11, 13, 14 and 17 are considered to be embodiments obvious to a person skilled in the art and are considered to lack inventive step.

Claims 15 and 18 relate to modifications of the coating layer, which seem to give the dosage form its delayed release properties. These claims are novel and also considered inventive and industrially applicable.

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VI. Certain documents cited**1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)**

Application No. Patent No.	Publication date (day/month/year)	Filing date (day/month/year)	Priority date (valid claim) (day/month/year)
WO 00009092	24.02.2000	07.08.1999	12.08.1998

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure	Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year)	Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year)

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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION
(PCT Rule 61.2)

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC7: A61K 9/36, A61P 1/04

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC7: A61K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

SE,DK,FI,NO classes as above

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

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"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	"X"	document of particular relevance: the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: 23, 24
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 23 and 24 relate to methods for treatment of the human body, a search has been carried out. The search has been based on the alleged effects of the claimed composition.
2. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).:

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT
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